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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

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1. FOLLOWING TEXT RECEIVED FROM THE WHITE HOUSE IS
PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION FOR THANKSGIVING DAY, 1976.

2. QUOTE: TRADITIONALLY, AMERICANS HAVE SET ASIDE A
SPECIAL DAY TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE TO THE ALMIGHTY FOR
THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY, PEACE AND PLENTY THAT HAVE BEEN
BESTOWED UPON A GRATEFUL NATION.

THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THIS LAND POSSESSED AN UNCONQUERABLE
SPIRIT AND A RELIANCE ON DIVINE PROVIDENCE THAT REMAINS A
PART OF THE AMERICAN CHARACTER. THAT RELIANCE, COUPLED
WITH A BELIEF IN OURSELVES AND A LOVE OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM,
HAS BROUGHT THIS NATION THROUGH TWO CENTURIES OF PROGRESS
AND KEPT US STRONG.

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AS WE CROSS THE THRESHOLD INTO OUR THIRD CENTURY AS A

SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT NATION, IT IS ESPECIALLY
APPROPRIATE THAT WE REAFFIRM OUR TRUST IN HIM AND EXPRESS

OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE UNITY, FREEDOM AND RENEWED SENSE OF
NATIONAL PRIDE WE ENJOY TODAY.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, IN ACCORD WITH SECTION 6103 OF TITLE 5
OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 25, 1976, AS A DAY OF NATIONAL THANKSGIVING. I
CALL UPON ALL AMERICANS TO JOIN ON THAT DAY WITH THEIR
FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN HOMES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP
THROUGHOUT THE LAND TO OFFER THANKS FOR THE BLESSINGS
WE ENJOY.

LET EACH OF US RESOLVE THIS THANKSGIVING DAY TO MAKE THE
COMING YEAR ONE IN WHICH OUR EVERY DEED WILL REFLECT OUR
CONSTANT GRATITUDE TO GOD. LET US SET A STANDARD OF
HONOR, JUSTICE, AND CHARITY AGAINST WHICH ALL THE YEARS
OF OUR THIRD CENTURY MAY BE MEASURED.

LET US MAKE THIS THANKSGIVING A TRULY SPECIAL ONE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS
TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE TWO HUNDRED AND FIRST.
(SIGNED) GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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